

Is the Fight for Bread Treason?

An Editorial

GREAT lessons are being learned these days by the American people.

There is the attitude of President Truman and the Government toward the labor movement, for example.

The President broke the railroad strike as his service to the railroad owners. He now enters negotiations between the maritime unions and the shipowners with the warning that he will use the Navy to break any maritime strike.

The President has thus offered the armed might of the Government to the shipowners even while the negotiations are going on. This is a tip-off to the shipowners to reject all the unions' demands, promising Government support for their action.

When American seamen appeal to maritime workers in other lands not to handle scab ships, the cry of "treason" is hurled against them in Congress and in the press. It seems that any curbing of profits for the shipowners is now the official definition of "treason."

The maritime unions ask—

Wage increases of 22-35 cents an hour.

A 40-hour week, and an eight-hour day instead of a 56-hour week.

These clear economic demands, which should be considered a minimum for any industry today, are vilified as "a political strike" to "help Moscow." The insolence and lying of the press know no bounds.

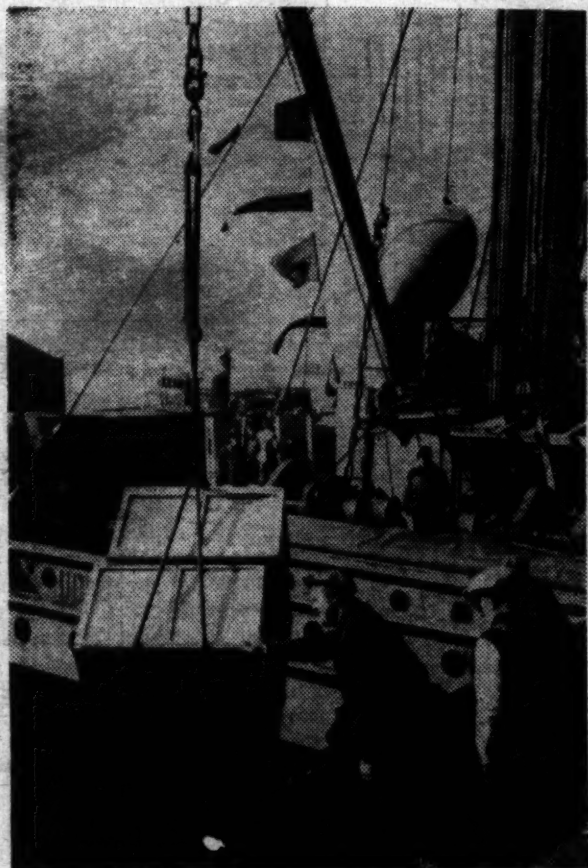
American workers asking for slight improvement in working conditions, which are a scandal and a disgrace, are charged with acting in a "political conspiracy." Thus, the

enslavement of American labor is linked to war provocations against the Soviet Union.

If President Truman will transfer some of the energy he is now using to plan strike-breaking into efforts to get the shipowners to negotiate these **ECONOMIC DEMANDS**, he will be serving the country, and not the shipowners as at present.

The union-wrecking Case bill is on the President's desk. He is sponsoring his own draft-labor bill.

This is the moment for the trade unions and the public to call a halt to the strike-breaking which is coming from Washington. It is time to call for a veto of the Case bill and the defeat of the President's measure in unmistakable terms. It is time for public opinion to speak out against the Government's strikebreaking.



To a Valiant Ally: Russian Relief supplies consisting chiefly of medical equipment, clothing, shoes and blankets being loaded into Soviet-bound Liberty ship Nathan Towson. Today, Russian Relief announced that it had shipped 51,594 tons of relief cargo, equivalent to 115,570,560 pounds, to the Soviet Union since its inception in October, 1941.

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Find Franco Rule Bar To UN Atom Control

The United Nations cannot hope for "a really effective system of international control of atomic energy" so long as the Franco regime remains in power in Spain, a UN Security Council Subcommittee warned yesterday.

Unless Franco is ousted and a free Spanish government admitted to the UN, the subcommittee declared, there will be a serious gap in the UN's projected world security system. The Franco government, it asserted, will not be bound by any UN agreement to place atomic weapon production under international authority or ban it altogether.

The warning was contained in a 77-page factual memorandum summarizing evidence studied by the five-nation subcommittee during its month-long investigation of charges that the Franco regime threatens world peace.

SANCTIONS PROPOSED

The UN also made public today a new French suggestion that UN member states put pressure on Franco by cutting off their trade with Spain. Chairman Herbert V. Evatt, however, said the subcommittee—on which France was represented—did not discuss economic sanctions against Spain.

The subcommittee's recommendations to the Security Council, made public Saturday, only found Franco Spain a "potential" threat to world security and delayed until September, when the UN General Assembly meets, a vote on a diplomatic blockade of Spain unless Franco is ousted and free government restored by then.

The new memorandum, filed with the Council as a supplementary report, also revealed that France has generally confirmed Spanish Republican charges that Nazi agents are maintaining contact by radio and messenger with secret underground movements in Germany.

NAZIS MOVED LABS

The memorandum indicated there is very little evidence to suggest that atom bomb research is being carried out in Spain. But it quoted a report from the French military government in Austria that in the first four months of 1945 the Nazis probably transferred certain scientific equipment to Spain via northern Italy.

This equipment, it was stated, included a cyclotron; 10 astor-type spectrometers; "radio-active minerals either uranium or radium in four lead boxes of 200 kilograms each," and plans of the V1 and V2 weapons and of ME262 jet-propelled airplanes.

Italy's Vote Running 5 to 4 for Republic

ROME, June 4 (UP).—The fate of King Humbert and the ancient House of Savoy remained in doubt tonight with latest returns showing a five-to-four vote for a republic. Humbert was running strong, however, in the south.

In the election for a National Assembly, Premier Alcide de Gasperi's Catholic Christian Democratic Party was running well ahead. The vote was interpreted in part as an answer to the plea of Pope Pius XII Saturday calling on the people to vote against the Communists.

Socialists were second and Communists a close third, with the combined Socialist-Communist vote topping the Catholics considerably.

Unofficial returns issued by the Ministry of Interior at 6 p.m. showed the latest referendum figures as:

For a republic—5,369,155.
For a monarchy—4,004,145.

NAPLES VOTE

Incomplete figures for Naples, a monarchical stronghold, gave the monarchy 446,827 votes to 57,403 for a republic.

The voting for the 573 deputies who will meet June 24 to write a constitution was:

Christian Democrats... 6,495,128
Socialists 4,010,113
Communists 3,668,266
Union Democrats 1,089,378
Republicans 892,081

The commanding lead of the Christian Democrats, with about two-thirds of the votes counted, meant that de Gasperi probably would be president if the Republic won.

The Christian Democrats may be forced to yield to a Communist-Socialist coalition on some matters,

notably in relations with the church. Both leftist parties favor revision of the concordat with the church to grant more individual liberty and to establish a strictly lay state separate from the church.

The church likewise fears confiscation of its extensive properties under Socialist-Communist party platforms.

The neo-fascist l'Uomo Qualunque party is running almost even with the Union Democrats, a combination of monarchist Liberals and Labor Democrats, headed by such elder statesmen as Victor Emmanuel Orlando, 86-year-old premier of World War I; Benedetto Croce, Ivanoe Bonomi and Francesco Nitti.

If the trend continues, it is possible the new coalition government would eliminate the Action Party, badly split and beaten.

French Poll Termed Democratic Victory

By Derek Kartun
Wireless to the Daily Worker

PARIS, June 3 (Delayed).—Results of the French general election are considered here as a great democratic victory. The Communist Party maintains its position in the Assembly with 146 seats from Metropolitan France against their 148 in the last Assembly—with results from the Empire still to come in.

The Communists have actually increased the number of their vote by more than 300,000 and they now have 27.8 percent throughout the country as against 26.9 percent last October.

[Conflicting figures for the election results have been carried in the American press. Some of



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the confusion undoubtedly arises from uncertainty as to whether one set of figures for the Communists, for instance, includes or does not include the Unified Resistance Movement, which has Communist backing and formed part of the Communist bloc in

the last Constituent Assembly.] The greatest surprise of all has been the very definite setback suffered by the Socialists who lost 15 seats—almost all to the MRP (Catholics).

The result of this Socialist defeat is that the absolute majority of 51 percent of seats held in the last Assembly by the combined Socialists and Communists has now been lost.

The Catholics, with 17 additional seats and 600,000 additional votes, now emerge as the largest party in the country. In the final analysis it has been the Catholics and not the Socialists who have benefited from the vicious attacks of the last few weeks against the Communists—attacks which were being led most of the way by leaders of the Socialist Party.

As Florimond Bonte, Communist spokesman, pointed out today: "It is a pity that the Socialists did not see fit to join with us in united action which would have been fruitful. Results show that they were wrong not to have done so."

The country has been surprised and gratified to find that in face of one of the most lavish, vigorous and unscrupulous campaigns ever seen in France, the extreme right-wing PRL (Party of Republican Liberty) did not manage to win a single extra seat. They remain so far with 35.

The center De Gaulle Radical group, which was also expected to make progress, only managed to win one additional seat.

When it is considered that the defeat of the constitution on May 5 filled the Right with enthusiasm and confidence, and also strengthened the hand of the extreme right-wing within the Socialist Party, yesterday's election can only be interpreted as a victory for the Left and a lesson to the Socialists from which, it is hoped here, they will finally benefit.

It is certain that after this tactical proof that an hysterical anti-Communist campaign does not in fact win votes, the leftwing of the party will be greatly strengthened in its demand for a closer working agreement with the Communists.

It is not yet known in Paris whether the MRP will insist on its right to form a new government. Certain quarters are of the opinion that rather than face the risk and disadvantage of real responsibility, the would prefer to continue to serve in a government led by Socialist Felix Gouin. If, on the other hand, they demand the premiership, it is likely that they would put forward either Foreign Minister Georges Bidault or their ancient Minister of State, Francisque Gay.

But whether or not the premiership changes hands, it appears likely that the three-party government formally will continue for the life of the new constituent assembly.

Turkey to Sue 3 For Not Aiding Hitler

ANKARA, Turkey, June 4 (UP).—Three men faced Government prosecution today on charges of causing Turkey a loss of \$825,000 by failing to ship to Germany a consignment of chrome which the Nazis contracted for before Turkey's break with Germany during the war.

They were the former director general of the Sumer bank, which finances Turkey's mining ventures, and two other officials.

BEVIN TELLS SOVIETS TAKE BYRNES 'OFFER' OR ELSE—

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin yesterday openly suggested

the possibility of attack upon the Soviet Union with the declaration that if Soviet Russia "wants peace," it must accept the American proposal of a four-power alliance disarmament treaty for Germany.

Bevin charged that the USSR believes its security can be maintained only if every other country adopts the Soviet system.

Bevin's speech opened a two-day foreign policy debate in the House of Commons. Winston Churchill, Tory opposition leader, is expected to reply today.

As reported by United Press, Bevin warmly supported Secretary Byrnes' disarmament proposal and asked the Soviet Union to reexamine its opposition to it.

ULTIMATUM

It was at this point that Bevin hurled his warlike ultimatum:

"I say to the Soviet Union: if you value peace above all else do not miss this opportunity. It may never come again."

The Soviets have been cool to the Byrnes-Vandenberg idea of a disarmament treaty on the grounds that previous Allied pledges to the same effect about Germany have been violated.

Foreign Minister Molotov in his May 28 interview with Pravda also declared that Byrnes originally proposed a mutual assistance treaty against both Germany and Japan—a broader matter. Byrnes has not followed up this suggestion.

Bevin said that "only if Russia fully enters into the European settlement can there be any guarantee of permanent peace on the continent of Europe." He demanded equal access for the British into the Bal-

kans and full trade privileges.

He repeated Winston Churchill's "iron curtain" phrase about eastern Europe and appeared to be pushing the British offensive to re-open all eastern European questions previously settled at Teheran and Yalta.

"There is, I think, unfortunately running through all the speeches of our Soviet friends the idea that they alone represent the workers, that they alone are democratic," Bevin declared.

"Their concept of certain other governments is that they are either fascists or crypto fascists or some thing of that kind."

"This leads to the idea that the security of Russia can only be maintained where every country in the world adopts the Soviet system. This is one of their great handicaps and a great obstacle to peace."

Bevin affirmed that the British workers wanted their own system.

EMPIRE MUST STAND

The Foreign Secretary according to United Press, also hit the following points:

- Britain must maintain her position in the Middle East, and Russia must accept this.

- Britain is willing to reconsider the 1936 treaty on the Dardanelles but fears for Turkey's "real independence."

- Britain opposes the cession of Trieste to Yugoslavia.

- Britain wants the Danube "internationalized."

- Britain wants speedy peace treaties for Italy and Austria, as a means of forcing the withdrawal of Soviet occupation troops from the former Axis satellites in the Danubian region.

Foster Press Plea Gets Big Response

Communists throughout the country immediately responded to William Z. Foster's appeal for \$150,000 to save the Daily Worker and The Worker.

The Communist Party national chairman pointed out in Sunday's Worker that the two papers are in danger of their lives unless the \$\$\$\$ are forthcoming.

- From Pittsburgh, Pa., Roy Hudson, Communist leader, wired: "We will guarantee \$1,000 by the end of the month and the rest of our quota by July 21."

- From Bridgeport, Conn., CP leader Joe Roberts wired: "Forwarding \$700 within the week and will attempt to reach \$2,000 by end of month."

- Minneapolis, Minn., CP leader Martin Mackie wired: "Can guarantee \$1,500 by end of month." A check for \$71 was sent immediately from New Orleans.

Also in response to Foster's plea, the New York counties made the following pledges to be fulfilled by June 15:

New York County will raise 60 percent of its quota; Kings County pledged 80 percent; Bronx County, 70 percent, and Queens, 70 percent.

Only \$35,000 has been raised for the press fund. As Foster said, "The raising of the \$115,000 still lacking must be the first responsibility of every Communist and Communist organization."

Send your contribution NOW to the Press Fund, Daily Worker, 50 E. 13 St., New York 3; New York.

City AVC Condemns Navy Scab Plan

European Dockers Nix 'Hot Cargo'

By Art Shields

Waterfront solidarity tightened at home and abroad yesterday behind the maritime strike set for June 15 by seven allied unions.

Capt. Harry Martin, president of the AFL Masters, Mates and Pilots, told the Daily Worker yesterday that he was speaking as a "union man"—he emphasized that term—when he promised that his men would not cross picket lines.

Martin's union represents most of the 15,000 licensed deck officers without whom the American merchant marine cannot operate.

News came yesterday also of the decision of French longshoremen to boycott "hot cargo" from the United States during the strike. The decision was made before the Committee for Maritime Unity made its appeal for assistance to the World Federation of Trade Unions.

Dockers in the great British port of Southampton, where the biggest passenger liners disembark, made the same solidarity pledge.

URUGUAY BRINGS NEWS

The news was brought here by the crew of the Uruguay, which pulled in with a cargo of war brides from Britain and France.

Southampton dockers voted to boycott scab cargo after a committee of four seamen from the Uruguay spoke at a meeting of union delegates. The French pledge was given the same committee in L'Havre by M. Gruenais, secretary of the Maritime Federation of France.

Similar action is expected to be taken by longshoremen throughout in other British and European ports.

Delegates of the Marine Firemen, Marine Cooks and Stewards, the American Communications Association and the National Maritime Union applauded the Uruguay committee's report, which NMU patrolman Eddie Gordon brought into the meeting of the inter-union strike committee at NMU headquarters today.

CLARIFIES STAND

Capt. Martin told the Daily Worker that he wants the position of the Masters, Mates and Pilots made clear. The union will not cross picket lines in any "economic strike for higher wages."

That means, he said, that it will not cross the picket lines set up June 15.

Martin's promise was made in a letter to the Committee for Maritime Unity in Washington, which represents the seven allied unions.

He did not send a telegram, he said, as had been inaccurately announced, but a letter—a letter which expressed the sentiments of his union regarding "economic strikes." He wanted that understood, he said.

American Mission Finds:

North Korea Industry Intact

ABOARD AMBASSADOR PAULEY'S SPECIAL TRAIN, South Korea, June 4 (UP).—Although members of Ambassador Edwin W. Pauley's American reparations mission suspected while enroute to Korea's Soviet zone that Soviet forces had removed capital goods, they returned today with the impression there were few removals and that industry was being prepared for permanent use.

Pauley said he believed industry was functioning about the same in the northern and southern occupation zones, although there were



Good News From All Over the World:

Reading a cablegram in Washington from the Paris headquarters of the World Federation of Trade Unions promising international support in the event of a shipping strike are members of the Committee for Maritime Unity. Seated, left to right: Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union; Harry Bridges, president of the Longshoremen's Union, and N. J. Malone, president of the Maritime Firemen's Union. Standing, left to right: Louis Goldblatt, secretary of the Maritime Unity Committee; Joseph P. Selly, president of American Communications Association, and W. H. Buttram, of the Maritime Engineers.

Shipowners Chisel On Unions' Demands

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, June 4.—One immediate result of announced support by the World Federation of Trade Unions and two AFL unions for the coming maritime strike was that ship operators have begun actually to bargain with the Committee on Maritime Unity. But their offers are still far from acceptable to the unions.

According to Edward Warren, head of the Conciliation Service of the Department of Labor, the operators offered to cut hours of stewards from 63 to 56 per week and to set a 40-hour week schedule in ports. They also repeated their previous offer of an increase of \$12.50 a month, that is, the nickel an hour increase which the NMU membership has already rejected.

The lips of the union leaders were sealed by an agreement with the Department of Labor not to discuss details of the negotiations. However, sources close to Joe Curran and Harry Bridges, co-chairmen of the CMU, said they recognized some slight change in the attitude of the owners, but did not feel any reasonable offers had yet been made.

According to the Department of Labor, the union reduced its blanket demand for a 40-hour week to 42 hours, that is, six hours a day seven days a week.

UNION'S ATTITUDE

The union leaders made it clear to newsmen they did not seek a strike and hoped to reach a settlement before the June 15 deadline. However, Curran pointed out that the operators will have to come

down from 56 hours a week.

Union willingness to bargain, in contrast to the stone-wall position of the shipowners, has made an impression on the conciliators. Assistant Secretary of Labor John W. Gibson is reported to have commented yesterday on the union attitude before a closed session of the Senate Labor Committee yesterday. According to one Senator, Gibson said that until yesterday the owners had not bargained in good faith.

But as the deadline draws near, it is clear the situation is not encouraging. The negotiations are still confined to the hour demands of the NMU, with many important issues, including the demands of the West Coast longshoremen still untouched. It was considered possible in some quarters here that the stall of the operators is deliberate and is part of a strategy to divide the seamen from the longshoremen, or the firemen from the deck men.

The administration took the position at the outset that differences between unions and operators should not be fought out in newspaper headlines. This was the basis for the agreement that only the conciliator would release news of the negotiations.

However, since Truman's blast last Friday, there have been headlines galore, based on inflammatory statements from the Navy Department. Today much space is devoted to the order of Secretary of the Navy Forrestal calling for volunteers and reservists for strike duty in manning struck ships.

In contrast to the railroad strike, the issues of the maritime strike are being brought to the attention of Congress and the public by the unions. Radio time and newspaper advertisements are planned, it is reported.

The Senate Labor and Education Committee, which discussed the maritime dispute in executive session, is reportedly following negotiations with close interest.

N. Y. VETS URGE GOV'T AID COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Use of the Army and Navy to intimidate "the men who fought side by side with us," and the attempt to break the maritime workers' strike were condemned yesterday by the New York Area Council of the American Veterans Committee representing 109 chapters in the City.

Foster Assails Get-Tough Line In Canada Talk

Special to the Daily Worker

TORONTO, June 4.—The Anglo-American bloc's get-tough-with-Russia policy is "full of danger for a regrowth of fascism and the outbreak of a new world war," William Z. Foster, chairman of the American Communist Party, warned here this weekend.

Foster and Robert Thompson, New York state chairman of the Communist Party, were guest speakers at the second national convention of Canada's Labor Progressive Party.

Foster delivered an address shortly after his arrest and subsequent release by Canadian authorities. He was forced to leave the country a few hours later.

The "advanced stage of military preparations in the United States" emphasized the war danger, he told the convention. He pointed out that the United States government, not Britain, is the leader of the Anglo-American bloc.

While the American people want continued cooperation with the Soviet Union as essential to an effective United Nations, Foster said, the "big imperialist-minded trusts and monopolies" are now dictating American policy. But the democratic forces of the world, he asserted, can put a stop to warmongering.

"The American people do not subscribe to the doctrine so widely held in capitalist circles that this is the 'American Century' in which other nations must bend their will to that of the United States," he said. "They do not want their armed forces, and particularly the atomic bomb, used to overawe other peoples."

"They do not want their foreign loans made for reactionary political purposes. They do not want their food surpluses employed in Europe and Asia as a club against the democratic peoples. They object to the Truman administration using the government as a strikebreaking weapon against the trade unions."

Thompson exposed Truman's sponsorship of viciously anti-labor legislation as being in line with the administration's "aggressively imperialist and anti-Soviet foreign policy."

High Court To Get Appeal By Dr. Blumberg

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Charles E. Ford, attorney for Dr. Albert Blumberg, announced today he was appealing directly to the U. S. Supreme Court against the conviction of Blumberg for contempt of Congress. Yesterday, Justice James M. Proctor pronounced sentence of \$250 and 30 days against Blumberg.

The jail sentence was suspended. Blumberg was convicted in Federal District Court on May 2 in a case growing out of his appearance before the Dies Un-American Committee in March 1940.

Passed by an overwhelming majority at a delegate's meeting of the AVC Council in Wendell Willkie Hall, 20 W. 40th Street, Monday night, the resolution declared:

"That the government of the United States stop this strike in the only way it can be stopped: by encouraging the successful completion of the present negotiations."

"All other methods which may be used to break the strike will fail. It is not likely that threats, coercion, or the use of the Army, Navy and Coast Guard will intimidate the men who fought side-by-side with us against everything that fascism could throw. Men who have walked off bombed and torpedoed ships in the Arctic Ocean will not hesitate to walk down the gangway in port if their needs are not satisfied."

"The present average wage of \$34 a week (less taxes) in our merchant marine is inadequate in these days of higher-than-war-time prices in our own country and inflation all over the world. The seaman who must maintain a family, pay for his own working gear, and have some absolutely necessary recreation when he gets shore liberty, is licked at the present wage level. And the eight-hour day he wants is a must for all workers everywhere."

Foes of Control Bring on Meat, Bread Famine

Meat and bread shortages grew acute throughout the country yesterday with bakeries and meat shops instituting their own rationing programs or closing altogether, a United Press survey disclosed.

Housewives stood in line for meat and bread in all the large cities, and many were turned away with neither.

The bread famine comes as a result of the administration's haphazard and belated wheat buying program for starving Europeans, which has led to a general 30 percent cut in production by big bakeries. Hasty removal of rationing is also responsible.

The government's bungling will be used by reactionaries to try to turn public sentiment against aiding famine victims.

The meat shortage has been brought on by the packers' refusal to slaughter livestock, in the hope that price control on meat will be eliminated by Congress.

Spokesmen for the meat and milling industry predicted the situation would be worse within a few weeks. The millers said the government's "lend-lease" arrangement with them would not relieve the shortage because it came too late. Under the program, the government would lend wheat to millers whose June grind is less than 37½ percent of the flour milled last June.

Housewives charged, according to UP, that some bakeries were moving stocks in "under counter" sales to favorite customers. City institutions said they had a 10-day supply of flour and reported there would be no bread for hospitals, prisons and school lunches after that time.

About 1,000 retail butcher stores remained closed, and 90 percent of the meat wholesalers were without meat. Four thousand kosher butchers indicated they would close for the rest of the week because of short supplies and the two-day Jewish holiday.

Negro Congress Votes Aid to Maritime Unions

By Claudia Jones

DETROIT, June 4.—Support to the coming maritime strike was among the resolutions voted at the closing session of the National Negro Congress.

Organization of a Negro Political Action group was also voted. It was decided to move the Congress national headquarters to Detroit.

After hearing Ferdinand Smith, secretary of the National Maritime Union, CIO, and Josh Lawrence of the NMU strike committee, the convention decided to establish a committee of 22 leading Negroes to

aid the seamen.

Charles Collins, vice-president, Hotel and Club Employees Union, AFL, outlined the principles followed by the trade union department by the NNC.

A resolution unanimously voted which had been reported by Marcel Scherer, representative, District 4, United Electrical Workers, stated that, "all of organized labor will be compelled to fight for its very self-preservation and security."

"We must assure with all means at our command, that in this struggle, there is no return to any condition pitting white and Negro workers against each other, to the advantage of their common enemy."

The NNC jobs resolution set as its goal "striving to maintain as a minimum, the levels of employment of Negroes won during the war years."

It likewise urged government ownership of the giant war plants which private industry refuses to operate.

"Such government ownership, and government ownership of the natural resources, will provide jobs, sorely needed by Negro workers displaced from many of these plants north and south, and for returning veterans," the resolution said.

The resolution also urged that federal and state governments undertake without delay programs of vitally needed public works improvements, to provide jobs "for unemployed war workers and veterans whom private industry is failing to employ."

UNION DEPARTMENT

A permanent trade union department of NNC will be headed by Donald Henderson, international president of the Food and Tobacco Workers; William Young, United Steel Workers, and representatives of CIO President Philip Murray's Wage Policy Committee: Mervyn Rathbone, California State Industrial Council; Raymond Tillman, Transport Workers Union; Hodges Mason, United Auto Workers, and Charles Collins. A maximum of

three more persons would include Marcel Scherer, named co-chairman of the committee, a railroad brotherhood representative, and a leading woman trade unionist.

Thirteen vice-presidents were elected. They are, Ferdinand Smith, New York; Edward E. Strong, New York; Collins; Matthew L. Crawford, California; Robbie Mae Riddick, Suffolk, Va.; Rev. A. C. Williams, Detroit; Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown; Raymond Tillman; Osceola McCaine, Southern Conference for Human Welfare; Dr. J. S. Bourne, Boston; Frederick Tashme, American Jewish Congress, Chicago; Walter Frisbee, Indiana; and J. B. Simmons, State Council, Toledo, O.

An executive board of 77 was elected. The New Yorkers of the board include City Councilman Benjamin J. Davis; John Goodman, AFL; Ada B. Jackson; Herbert Aptheker; Josh Lawrence; Henry Winston; Ewart Guinier; Hope Stevens, and Doxey Wilkerson.

ELECT EMITH

Ferdinand C. Smith, national secretary of the National Maritime Union, was elected first vice president of the National Negro Congress at the NNC's convention in Detroit, which closed Monday.

Turn Jack Turk Over to Home

Jack Turk, 14-year old baby sitter who was recently acquitted of first degree murder charges in the death of 3-year old Sybil Gurfein, was placed yesterday under the supervision of the Jewish Board of Guardians for "prolonged and intensive care and treatment."

The action was taken by Justice W. Bruce Cobb in Children's Court, Jamaica, after consideration of reports by psychiatrists of Youth House, Manhattan, where young Turk has been since his acquittal May 9.

Democratic Leaders Pick Marcantonio

By Max Gordon

Democratic leaders in Manhattan's 18th congressional district yesterday unanimously designated Rep. Vito Marcantonio as Democratic candidate for Congress.

Rep. Marcantonio, outstanding progressive in the House, is county



MARCANTONIO

leader of the American Labor Party and will get that party's designation also. He defeated the Democratic organization in primary contests in 1942 and 1944.

He may have opposition in the primaries despite the unanimous designation. Former Congressman Martin Kennedy, whom Marcantonio defeated in the 1944 primaries, has threatened either to enter the race himself or put someone else in.

Republicans in the district have named Frederick Van Pelt Bryan, a wealthy lawyer. Marcantonio has not yet said whether or not he will enter the GOP primary. He took the GOP nomination also in 1942 and 1944, but can win easily without it.

Joseph Clark Baldwin, New York State's only liberal Republican reaffirmed yesterday his intention to run for reelection no matter what Republican leaders in his district or in the county decide to do.

Rep. Baldwin represents the 17th District in Manhattan, County and district Republican leader want to oust him because he has backed most progressive measures in Congress, in opposition to the GOP leadership.

The candidate being groomed to oppose him is State Sen. Frederic R. Coudert, New York's "Little Dies" and major spokesman for banking and realty interests in the Legislature. Coudert's law firm represented the Vichy collaborationist government during the Nazi occupation of France.

Coudert, GOP leader in the Ninth A. D., which is part of the

Baldwin Congressional District, told a meeting of GOP county leaders last week he would run if a majority of committeemen in the Ninth want him to. While the GOP may not formally designate him against Baldwin because that might expose the reactionary character of the GOP too clearly, the machine will back him in his fight in the GOP primary against Baldwin.

Baldwin said yesterday he would run for reelection even if he loses in the Republican primary. He is expected to get united labor and liberal backing in the district for his race.

It is considered an interesting commentary on Gov. Dewey's politics that the only incumbent Republican in Congress from the State that his machine is bucking is a liberal. The arch-reactionaries both in the city and upstate are having no trouble with Dewey or his apparatus at all.

TO EACH MEMBER OF OUR PARTY:

As you read this, ask yourself: Have I recruited one new member in this Party Building Campaign?

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KALININ'S FUNERAL TODAY; THOUSANDS PAY HONORS

MOSCOW, June 4 (UP).—The body of former President Mikhail I. Kalinin, who died yesterday, lay in state today in the Hall of Columns of the Trade Unions House. The funeral will be held at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the Kremlin wall in the Red Square.

Tens of thousands of workers and peasants viewed the body today, and more will pass tomorrow the bier of the man who was President of the Soviet Union for 27 years.

Kalinin died of an intestinal cancer.

LONDON, June 4 (UP).—Moscow Radio said chandeliers in the hall where Kalinin's body lay were draped in black tulle. Black draperies and flags were displayed throughout the building, it was said, and funeral airs by Beethoven, Tchaikovsky and Chopin were played.

The cabinet and the central committee of the Communist Party named a commission to arrange for the funeral, Moscow said.

The Soviet army newspaper Red Star eulogized Kalinin as "a true friend of the Soviet armed forces who strived ceaselessly for the increased might of the Red Army and the Red Navy," Moscow reported.

"During the war his wise and vivid words to troops and over the radio were one of the sure Bolshevik weapons against the fascist aggressors," the newspaper said. "Kalinin is no longer among us,

but the Soviet state for whose prosperity he selflessly gave all his strength prospers and will continue to prosper ever more from year to year, and his honored memory will never pale."

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Truman Repeating RR Role in Marine, Trainmen Warn

WASHINGTON, June 4 (UP).—Sen. Wayne L. Morse (R-Ore), who accused President Truman of "ham acting" in his recent address to Congress today demanded a Congressional investigation to determine whether Truman knew of the rail strike settlement before he announced it midway in his speech.

By Rob F. Hall

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, June 4.—President Truman is acting to break the maritime strike just as he broke the railroad strike, Martin H. Miller, legislative representative of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, charged in an informal "hearing" on the Truman bill called by 16 Congressmen Monday.

One of several top labor leaders invited by the Congressmen to give labor's view of the Truman proposals, Miller lashed at the Administration's recent record in labor disputes in scathing language.

"Truman could have avoided a railroad strike if he had wanted to," the railroad workers' representative said. But the President "refused to talk or negotiate" with A. F. Whitney, president of the trainmen, and Alvanley Johnson, president of the engineers.

"I believe he didn't want it settled; it would have spoiled a good show," Miller declared bitterly.

"If we were on strike against the Government, why didn't the government negotiate with us on wages and working conditions? The strike began at 4 p.m. Friday. It was not until noon Saturday that a representative of the White House was willing to meet with us."

Miller contrasted the executive orders issued by Truman on the two major strikes, coal and railroad. The coal strike order authorized the Secretary of Interior to take possession of the mines and negotiate for adjustments in wages and working conditions, he said. But the order taking possession of the railroads made no such provisions.

Gross Bars Transit Collective Bargaining

Maj. Gen. Charles P. Gross, chairman of the Board of Transportation, yesterday opposed collective bargaining rights on the city's transit system as giving a "militant union" virtual "control" of the subways. Speaking before the Mayor's special advisory committee on transit labor problems, Gross rejected the mass of legal evidence offered by the CIO Transit Workers Union that the present law is unsound.

Gross, presenting an 18-page report, said it represented his viewpoint and that of Commissioner William Reid. The third member of the board, Frank X. Sullivan, disagreed, and will submit a minority statement.

Sullivan challenged many of Gross' procedures. Establishment of the control division by Gross on March 26, 1946, Sullivan said, was "a Gestapo system."

Gross had placed a former army colonel, William J. Mattheson, in charge of this division.

Questioned by Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, a member of the Mayor's Committee, on "how would you determine who are the chosen representatives of the workers and how many people would they have to represent before you'd recognize them?" Gross replied:

"I would do business with all of them," thus rejecting the democratic principle of majority decision.

Gross admitted transit labor relations are not good. He proposed a deputy commissioner give full time to hearing grievances.

He insinuated the TWU was "rowdy" by citing a case in a Brooklyn yard where a notice by the small Civil Service Forum was posted on the bulletin board and torn down. He said that as a "military man I see in that example a lack of discipline."

The TWU last May 20 submitted petitions containing the signatures and pass numbers of 21,834 employees out of nearly 27,000.

The petitions read:

"The undersigned employees of the New York Board of Transportation respectfully urge that an election be held at the earliest possible date among the Board's employees for the selection of collective bargaining representation."

Phelps Dodge Thugs Send 2 To Hospital

An attempt of the Phelps Dodge Co. to break the six-month strike sent two injured workers to the hospital yesterday when 50 to 60 armed thugs under police escort attacked strikers in the New York harbor.

A total of 2,000 members of Local 441 UE-CIO are striking for an 18½-cent wage increase and a written contract.

At the Family hospital in Brooklyn, Ahmed Drohr, 11 Popular St., Rahway, N. J., received six stitches in the head and treatment for shock and Thomas Deegan, 52 Orchard St., Elizabeth, N. J., strike captain of UE Local 441, received several stitches in his body.

On the insistence of the strikers, the N. Y. Police Department is now holding the thugs. The union has preferred charges of felonious assault with intent to kill.

OPA Rally Today To Hear Mayor

The Citizens Committee to Save OPA, and the Joint Committee of Civil Service Employees, will demonstrate in City Hall Plaza at 5 p.m. today (Wednesday).

Mayor O'Dwyer, chairman of the Citizens Committee, and Paul A. Porter, OPA head, will speak.

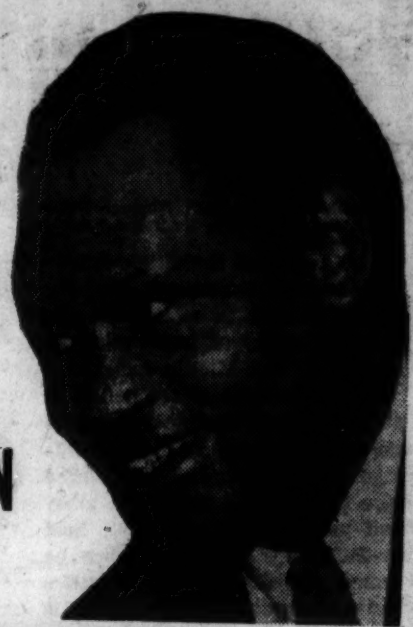
Councilman Michael Quill and James V. King will speak for the CIO, William Collins and Henry Feinstein for the AFL, and Philip Brueck for the Civil Service Forum.

DEPUTY MAYOR SWORN IN

Mayor O'Dwyer yesterday swore in his special assistant Thomas L. J. Corcoran as Deputy Mayor of the City of New York.

FOOD and FREEDOM for A.F.R.I.C.A....

A MESSAGE FROM PAUL ROBESON



Europe and Asia have been devastated by war and their people are hungry.

Americans have been urged to make sacrifices and share their food with the unfortunate people across the Atlantic.

But Africa, too, is hungry. In the Union of South Africa alone, eight million Negro people are faced with mass starvation. Their desperate plight is practically unknown to the outside world. Will Americans ignore the need of these African millions?

Hunger and lack of freedom always go hand in hand. Even in good times the Bantu people of South Africa suffer chronic starvation. Robbed of their land, confined in "reserves" and ghettos, and reduced to the most subservient level of employment by a legal color bar, these Africans are victims of a systematic oppression which can hardly be comprehended except by those who have lived under fascist tyranny.

In normal times the grinding poverty of these people accounts for an infant mortality rate that reaches 600 to 700 per one thousand. Today, as a result of the worst drought in the last quarter century, the Negro people of South Africa are undergoing the extremest hardship. In the rural areas they walk many miles and stand in long queues to get a meager ration of corn which is below the starvation limit of 1,500 calories. And even this dole, their only food, is often not available. In the cities Africans earning as little as 30 or 40 cents a day are forced to pay as much as 11 cents for a single slice of bread.

The Council on African Affairs has been able, through the generous response of those reached through its campaign, to send a considerable quantity of canned food and money to aid these stricken people. But more, much more, needs to be done.

We Americans, however, have the responsibility of providing something more than food for the people of Africa—the whole of Africa with its 150 million colonial subjects. We must see that their demands for freedom are heard and answered by America and the United Nations. For without economic and political freedom, there cannot be any abiding relief from poverty and hunger.

This is no mere theoretical obligation which rests upon America to advance African freedom. It is an obligation which stems from the millions of American dollars invested in Africa's gold, copper, diamonds and rubber. It is an obligation which stems from the lives of American soldiers sacrificed to defeat the fascist enemy in Africa. It is an obligation which stems from the position of leadership which America holds in world affairs today.

It is our solemn duty as Americans, as a liberty-loving people, to join hands with the millions upon millions of exploited and oppressed colonial peoples in Africa and throughout the world. NOW is the time for action, if we hope to build a free world.

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Palestine Communists Hold Report Tightens British Rule

By Meyer Vilner
(First of a Series)

(Republished From Kol Hayam, Newspaper of the Palestine Communist Party, May 8, 1946)

The report of the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee, published on May 1 is a link in the chain of policy of imperialist intrigues in the Middle East.

The committee is compelled to admit that "Palestine represents an armed camp . . . many buildings are surrounded by barbed wire fences . . . considerable army and police forces are being held in Palestine. . . . The police go armed and the number of police stations throughout Palestine is large."

But the committee does not recommend the removal of this police and military oppression of our country. On the contrary! It recommends the continuation of British rule.

The imperialist character of the committee's report is equally underlined by the fact that it does not even recommend the slightest measures of democratization for Palestine, even for the municipalities.

Moreover, it does not see the need to recommend the participation of Jews and Arabs in the administration.

'FORGOT' ABROGATION

The Inquiry Commission "forgot" to recommend the abrogation of the fatal Emergency Laws, which deliver the personal free-

dom of each person to the mercy of each British policeman and soldier.

Thus, apparently, the committee meant to teach a lesson in Anglo-American democracy.

The political program of the Inquiry Committee was expressed in Recommendation No. 3:

"Palestine will be neither a Jewish nor an Arab State" . . . but . . . a British State.

This is the way in which the committee recommends the continuation of the mandatory rule, which means British colonial rule.

The pretext: Jewish-Arab tension.

And here is the formulation of Recommendation No. 4 which is in our opinion the decisive recommendation in the report and on which depend all the others:

"We have reached the conclusion that hostility between Jews and Arabs and, in particular the determination of each to achieve domination if necessary by violence, make it almost certain that now and for some time to come any attempt to establish either an independent Palestinian state or independent Palestinian states would result in civil strife such as might threaten the peace of the world."

"We therefore recommend that until this hostility disappears, the Government of Palestine be continued as at present under

mandate pending the execution of a trusteeship agreement under the United Nations."

This is the most absurd decision of the Inquiry Committee. For it is exactly the British rule which is the main cause and decisive factor for the friction between Jews and Arabs.

It is British rule which is encouraging the chauvinist forces amongst the Jews and Arabs. It is maintaining two scales of wages for Jewish and Arab workers and exploiting every political, economic and social problem for its policy of "divide and rule."

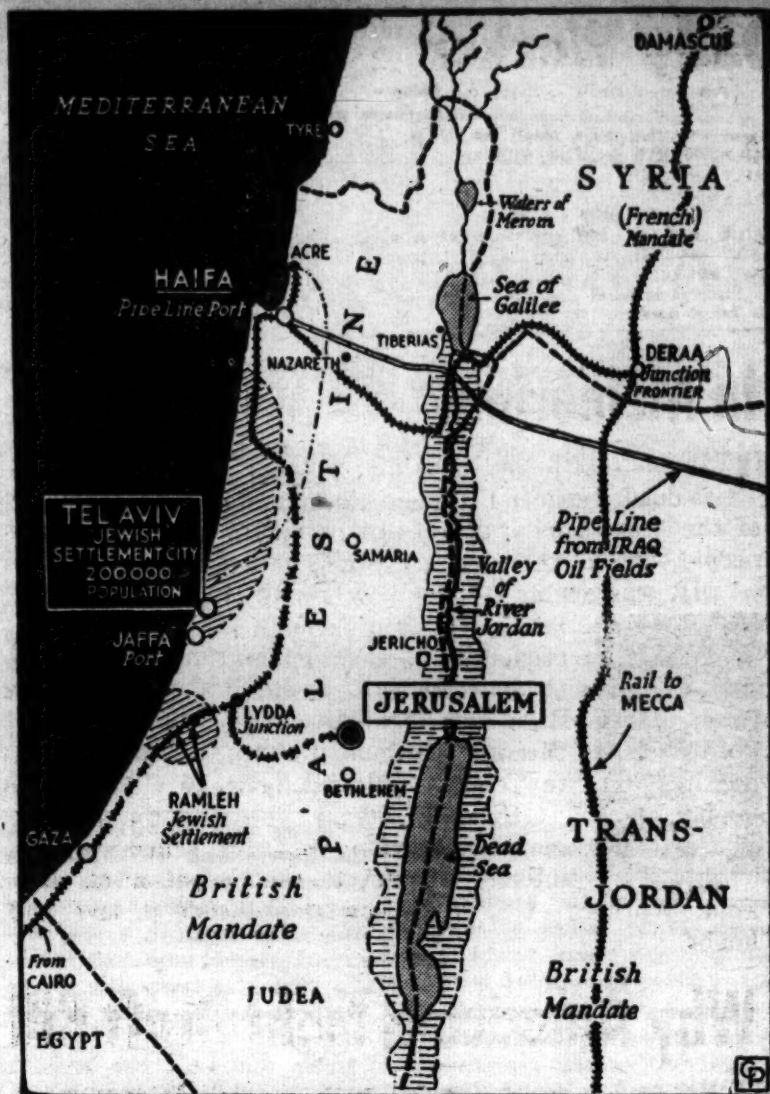
'TENDER' IMPERIALISM

It is just this colonial power which according to the recommendations of the committee should take care of the removal of Jewish Arab hostility.

Thus the Inquiry Committee turns the problem upside down. Instead of stating the truth: because of the existence of the mandatory power, Jewish Arab relations are strained, the committee repeats the imperialist story of old: "because of the national conflicts it is necessary to maintain the imperialist rule."

Our Marxist-democratic approach enabled us to tell the Inquiry Committee when it was in Palestine:

"The tension in our country has been increased as a result of the manner in which the in-



quiries have been conducted by this committee. This committee is presenting the problem of our country as a question of antagonism between Jews and Arabs, instead of regarding it as a problem of oppression by British imperialism of Jews and Arabs

alike." The result of the committee's recommendations are the same: Increasing tension between Jews and Arabs, the consolidation of British military rule, and new dangers of invasion by another imperialism.

Letters from Our Readers

Imperialism at the Same Old Game

Washington.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It appears that the United States is trying to check the spread of Communism in China in the same way we tried to crush Communism in Russia after the first World War.

While I feel that we should feed the starving millions of Chinese, I believe that we should take no part in their political affairs. It seems that all the

Communists want is a voice in internal Chinese affairs. Why can't the Chinese have a two-party government—the Kuomintang Party and the Communist Party?

Is it because it is felt that Communism in China has too strong a hold and must be checked?

I favor the return of our soldiers from China immediately. The Japanese aggressors there have been vanquished and China belongs to the Chinese.

AMERICAN OBSERVER.

Unitarians Decry So-Called 'Free Press'

Great Neck, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In the Christian Register (Unitarian) for May an article, "What Is Wrong With Boston?" written by a Unitarian minister of that city, is one of the most telling indictments of our "free press," our "opinion industry" that I have seen. I quote:

"They (Boston newspapers) give evidence constantly of being the easy prey of prejudice and pres-

sure. But they are in the market, we must remember, most of them, to make a profit, and the freedom of the press that is guaranteed them by our constitutional Bill of Rights is very much curtailed by the expediency and the business interests which make other corporations as well, and our chambers of commerce, non-moral if not immoral, and which leave our Christian pulpits not untouched by the considerations."

Pity the hireling!

L. A. ELDRIDGE.

For Byrnes' Resignation

Safford, Ariz.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I am offering what I consider a practical suggestion as a weapon in the fight against the administration's foreign policy, which threatens us with a new world war.

Call upon the Win the Peace Conference and the unions to demand the resignation of James F. Byrnes with millions of letters and resolutions.

WALTER ROPER.

The Butcher of Lidice Goes to the Gallows

By W. Storm

Special to the Daily Worker

PRAGUE, May 21 (By Mail).—Today in a crowded court room tense with expectancy, I heard sentence of death pronounced on Karl Hermann Frank, tall, thin, tight-lipped former Reichsminister in Czechoslovakia, and before that a leading Sudeten German.

When the judge finished reading the verdict the tension could be maintained no longer. Excited talk and cheering broke out in the packed public galleries.

Three hours later, 5,000 grim Czech citizen saw the public execution of a tyrant, whose name had once been the by word for death in all the towns and villages of Czechoslovakia.

For four months the trial had proceeded without sensation; Frank's accusers numbered millions, and the recital of his crimes and betrayals was part of the grim and bloody recent history through which most Czechs have lived.

TRUE TO FORM

Frank's defense had run true to the form of all the fascists, who are now facing trial. He lied, pleaded ignorance or far removed guilt. He apologized. He was mistaken. He was acting "under orders"; not he, but his superiors were to blame.

During the trial he sent to the Czech Minister of Justice an astonishing letter, which said in part:

"Herr Minister, I, the conquered,

beg for the mercy and generosity of the victors. After I have failed so completely, there is nothing left for me in this world but my family, and I desire nothing more than to be allowed to live with and work for them somewhere simply and modestly, and far removed from all politics."

"A dearly beloved wife and five dearly beloved children, all of them minors—one boy severely wounded in action—neglected during the war, are awaiting their husband, father and breadgiver. We all longed so much for the end of the war. Wishing only to live with and for each other in retirement."

CONFINEMENT IRKSOME

"I have now been in custody since May 9, 1945, knowing nothing or hearing contradictory reports about my family. The confinement—under extremely hard conditions—and above all the longing for my dear ones, the harrowing anxiety for the fate and the state of my wife and children, have contributed to the final breakdown of my resistance, and to a grave nervous crisis."

"Herr Minister, I most fervently beseech you to grant a special favor, or to intervene with Herr President on my behalf—a generous gesture of the conqueror which would enable me to live together with my wife and my children, in confinement and under guard if not possible otherwise."

"Pending your decision, I respectfully beg that I might be granted all the privileges possible within the regulations, and such as you would be in a position to grant to a political prisoner. I have suffered painfully from the fact that I have been treated like an ordinary criminal."

LOVER OF FAMILY

Frank, who signed the death warrants of thousands of patriots with his morning mail; who had mothers separated from their babies; who had whole families murdered for giving a glass of water to a wounded underground fighter; who sent youths to concentration camps for using the Czech spelling of "Prague"; who was responsible for Lidice—this man now pleaded to be allowed to live with his "dearly beloved wife and five dearly beloved children . . . in retirement."

Frank asked for mercy as a political prisoner. He forgot his own method of dealing with "political prisoners." But the Czech nation, and the Czech judges sitting in that court room in Pankrac did not forget.

I looked at their faces. Open, honest faces, most of them young, with the demand for justice in their eyes. Below them, sat Frank, a member of the Herrenvolk, fear and terror in his eyes, a nervous twist to his weak mouth.

The chief judge arose and asked, "Has the prisoner anything more to

say?" Frank stood stiffly to attention and muttered "Nein." "Then lead the prisoner away."

The court emptied swiftly, and the spectators poured into the corridors in a babel of excited talk. Many of them had personal experience of Frank's activities. On the way out I got into conversation with some one named Oscar Marek.

"One more Nazi gone," he said. "But there are still too many about, particularly in Germany, for my comfort."

"You know what the Nazis did

to me?" he added. "They put me in Buchenwald in 1940 as a political prisoner. When I came out at the end of the war, I heard that my wife, my four children, my mother and father, and all my brothers and sisters had been murdered at Auschwitz. You see, I am half Jewish. Not one of these Herrenvolk."

And he jerked his thumb in the direction of the courtyard into which Frank had been led, and where, three hours later, his dead body hung from the gallows.



Karl Frank before the Czech court which sentenced him

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In Memoriam

THE man with the twinkling eyes and the white goatee is dead. Former President Kalinin, one of the founders of the first socialist state, will be buried by his grateful people with all the honors befitting a working class hero.

He was one of Lenin's men, a man of the Communist Party. He went through that school which produced the Communist type—the school of unwavering devotion to the working class. It led through prisons, through exile, through perilous activity in defiance of the czarist-capitalist police.

He was a man who saw the highest glory in working not for selfish private interest, but for the emancipation of mankind. Workers everywhere bow their heads in love and honor.



KALININ

Why Americans Fight Draft Bill

THE heat is on the Senate to pass a bill extending the draft till May 15, 1947. Members of the House, who opposed such a measure because of grass root opposition back home, will then be asked to adopt the Senate bill.

Why are the American people reluctant to extend the draft? There is no question about their readiness to defend their country. The common people were united in the face of the Hitler-Hirohito Axis. Labor contributed millions of men to the armed forces and produced the goods which counted on the battlefield.

The Communists were second to none in their response to their country's need. Not a single Communist received a dishonorable discharge from the armed forces. Thousands were decorated for gallantry and heroic achievement in action. Many lie buried in foreign soil.

Popular opposition to the draft is not due to a new "isolationist" trend. Countless polls and demonstrations show the people favor the United Nations and support Roosevelt's policy of Big Three unity.

The key to popular sentiment is the betrayal of this very policy of unity which won the war and which is necessary to win the peace. When President Truman proposed the use of the army as a penal institution the hypocrisy about needing the draft for defense was exposed for what it is.

There you have the two sides of the same coin—repression against the American people and a drive to world war three. Our armed forces occupy 56 countries and islands outside of Germany and Japan. Now the administration proposes to occupy the plants and ships and industries of the nation to force slavery on American working people.

The people who love their country and fought like tigers to defend it will oppose a draft intended for suppression at home and imperialism abroad.

A Defeat for Red-Baiters

FROTH-AT-THE-MOUTH red-baiters who pose as defenders of "Americanism" know little about the laws protecting democratic rights. And care less.

In 1943 a cowardly Congress whipped up by Martin Dies voted to oust three Government employees with anti-Fascist records, Dr. Robert Morss Lovett, Goodwin Watson, and William E. Dodd Jr. They did this by the unconstitutional act of attaching a "rider" to an appropriation bill forbidding the payment of their salaries.

Two days ago, the Supreme Court, without going into the political issues, had to remind the democracy-killers in Congress that the Founding Fathers outlawed this kind of thing 180 years ago. None are so ignorant of American history and democratic traditions as a red-baiter.

Today, a new Martin Dies rants in Congress. The notorious Rep. Rankin of the Wood-Rankin committee continues to terrorize government agencies and Congressional voting. The committee is the foremost peddler of the made-in-Berlin idea that Communism is a criminal movement, to be outlawed. Its current persecution of directors of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee is of a piece with the old Dies persecutions.

It is time to put an end to this latter-day Dies Committee, the vilest of un-Americanism, and the hope of all reactionaries. Let progressive Congressmen take note. The un-American Dies and Rankin hooligans can be defeated. For the sake of the nation's democratic rights, they must be faced, defied and routed.

AT THE DOOR



Between the Lines

Good Advice Not to Follow

by Joseph Starobin

MRS. ANNE O'HARE McCORMICK is the distinguished foreign policy columnist of the very distinguished New York Times, considered the foremost newspaper of the most powerful country in the world.

You will find Mrs. McCormick at most important international gatherings. She is unquestionably very well informed. Diplomats, journalists, statesmen, cardinals find her company pleasant and valuable.

I recall meeting her at the San Francisco conference, where she seemed to know everyone. She could be found in the front row of the press gallery when the Security Council opened its sessions at Hunter College this April.

Indeed, there was a proposal some time back that an American woman should be present at the peace conference, and I believe Mrs. McCormick ranked in popularity with Mrs. Roosevelt for this post.

Let us consider then what this powerful personage has to say on so important a question as the French elections, in her column on Monday.

"The central issue in every European election is the same," she begins. "The people are voting for and against communism, not merely as a political party competing with other political parties but as a system of government and a way of life." Later on, she makes clear that by "communism" she means the expansion of Russian ideological influence in Europe.

Leaving aside the Italian elections, whose results weren't in at this writing, how does this statement jibe with the electoral facts in France?

The facts are that the French Communist Party gained at least 200,000 votes, and came within a few hundred thousand of the Popular Republican Party. Beyond a doubt, the overwhelming majority of the French working-class—the people on whom France depends for revival—voted Communist.

McCormick Advice Cost Many Votes

The party which made the major issue "Communism"—as Mrs. McCormick does—lost heavily. That was the Socialist Party. It lost votes to the Communists and to the MRP, the Popular Republicans.

Now something is quite cockeyed in Mrs. McCormick's analysis, and it will be interesting to see whether she ever admits it.

The Communists increased their strength. They are stronger than before. And the results show the stability of their position in France.

Yet, would anybody conclude that France is Communist, or is close to Communism, except in the sense that every country in the world is closer every day to Communism, which is the society of the future?

And the people who shouted so loudly about Communism in France—from the Pope backward and forward and including the British Labor Party intriguers—have all suffered a defeat.

The fact is that the issue is not Communism anywhere in Europe. It is certainly not the expansion of Soviet power.

The great mistake of all such thinking is the assumption that the Communists of Europe are (1) proposing Communism now, and (2) representing Russia.

By this mistake—which is deliberate, of course—the American people are being nourished with falsehoods, and falsehoods will only lead us into terrible adventures; disastrous to ourselves and the rest of the world.

The Communists in various European countries, as in our own country, are native expressions of the struggles of their own people against fascism, for reconstruction, for new and higher forms of democratic society.

No Communist anywhere will ever grant the Russian people a perpetual monopoly of Communism, which would mean to deny the rest of humanity the possibility of human progress.

The Issue! New Leadership

The issue in Europe is simple: to rebuild human life after the holocaust which fascist capitalism left can no longer be accomplished except by the leadership of the only class which fought fascism—namely the working people.

Yes, the leadership of Europe is shifting and must shift to a new class; the old classes cannot rebuild. This class has the historic mission and ability to establish Socialism but today its problem is less than that.

It is to expand "less-than-Communist" forms of democracy, to carry out long-overdue reforms which the capitalist class cannot carry out.

It is to root out feudal vestiges and prepare the road to Socialism. But it is not Socialism or Communism which is today being built or fought for.

If Mrs. McCormick knows any other class which can eradicate fascism, expand democracy, reconstruct the national economy, solve the national rivalries of various peoples and preserve the peace in Europe—we should like to hear from her.

When she mis-states the issue as Communism, and fails to explain the facts of the elections, her reputation for analysis suffers. Her indoctrination of the American mind only helps to perpetuate fascism—the same force which brought war and devastation to us all.

Detectives Reshuffled

Police Commissioner Arthur W. Wallander yesterday, following charges that detectives and plain-clothesmen have been taking bribes of \$1,700 to \$3,000 a month from bookmakers, ordered a reshuffle of the detective force.

Socialists, Communists Must Fight Side by Side, Dimitrov Tells Laski

LONDON, June 4.—George Dimitrov, general secretary of the Bulgarian Workers' Party, has written British Labor Party Executive Chairman Harold Laski that unity between Socialists and Communists is an "historical necessity."

The letter was sent in reply to a falsification by Laski in the Daily Herald on April 9 of a speech delivered by Dimitrov on March 3 in Sofia. Laski used the distortion in his campaign against affiliation of the British Communists to the Labor Party.

"I was very much surprised to learn," Dimitrov wrote, "that you have used the speech I delivered at the Sofia District Conference of the Bulgarian Workers' Party in your polemics with the British Communists."

"Among other things, you made comments on that speech to the effect that: Dimitrov confirms without hesitation that the aim of the Communists is to attack the Social Democratic parties from the rear."

"It is very strange how you derive such a false conclusion, because I have nowhere expressed this viewpoint in speeches or writing."

"You probably know that in 1933 at the Leipzig trial, with shackles on my hands, I defended to the best of my ability not only the German Communists but also the German Social Democrats



DIMITROV

against the Hitlerites.

"Already, at that time, I was appealing publicly to both parties to join their efforts in the general struggle against fascism and to unite in one anti-fascist Workers' Party."

FALSE

"It is impossible for you not to have known that at the Seventh Congress of the Communist Inter-

national in 1935 I proved with detailed argument the necessity for joint action of the Communist and Social Democratic Parties and for the establishment of one powerful international front against fascism and the brigands' war which was being prepared by the German fascists against the freedom-loving nations."

"It is impossible for you not to know about the many appeals of the Communist International to the Socialist International up to the time of war for joint action against the common fascist foe."

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Plan Theatre Anti-Bias Body

Robert E. Sherwood, addressing 500 hundred theatrical workers at a meeting yesterday sponsored by the Theatre Chapter, American Veterans Committee, declared he would not allow any play he wrote to be performed in any theatre which practiced a Jimcrow policy.

Composer Marc Blitzstein, actress Betty Garrett, actors Canada Lee, Buddy Ebsen and Elliott Sullivan cited discrimination in the orchestra pit, the Jimcrow policy of the International Alliance of Theatre and Stage Employees, and the lack of Negroes in the wardrobe mistresses union.

The meeting voted to set up a Theatrical Fair Practices Council.

OK School Lunch Act

WASHINGTON, June 4.—President Truman signed the National School Lunch Act today, providing for school lunch programs to be administered, with federal aid, by state and local authorities.

CORRECTION

Through a typographical error, the dates for filing primary petitions in New York appeared incorrectly in Max Gordon's Sunday city story. The proper date is week of July 9.

WHAT'S ON

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MILICENT SELSAM, author "Egg to Chick," discusses "Children's Books" Wed., June 5, 8:30 p.m. Locust Bookshop, 209 S. 11th St. Adm. free.

Congress Group Asks UN Probe Indonesia

WASHINGTON, June 4 (UP).—A 10-man congressional group asked yesterday for a United Nations investigation of British activities in Dutch Indonesia, charging that Britain is using Japanese troops to suppress the native independence movement there.

The group asked the American delegate on the UN Council to press for "immediate" consideration of the question which, it said, had been

blocked in the past by the Dutch Government.

The signers of the petition included Sen. Glen T. Taylor (D-Ind.), and Reps. Cleveland M. Bailey (D-WVa.), Emanuel Celler (D-NY), John M. Coffee (D-Wash.), Hugh DeLacy (D-Wash.), Vito Marcantonio (AL-NY), Ellis E. Patterson (D-Calif.), Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. (D-NY), Charles R. Savage (D-Wash.), and Adolph Sabath (D-Ill.).

U. S. Aid to Fascism Hit At Greek Relief Dinner

American complicity in reimposing fascism on Greece was exposed last night by speakers at a dinner in the Hotel Commodore sponsored by American Relief for Greek Democracy.

William Shirer, in a talk broadcast by WNYC, charged the British deny democratic freedom in Greece and "yet the State Department reserved its protests for the other countries of Eastern and south-eastern Europe."

Leland Stowe, in a speech broadcast by WMCA, declared: "It is in Greece—not in Romania—that American and British professions of loyalty to democracy are being tested."

Robert St. John, WFAF commentator, dinner chairman, paid a farewell tribute to two representatives of the Greek EAM resistance movement, who have just completed a

coast-to-coast tour of the United States: Nicos Carvounis, chief of EAM's press department and Professor George Georgalas, member of EAM's Central Committee.

Professor Georgalas declared that in the district of Salonika, . . . out of 160,000 young men and women and children (from 1 to 22 years of age) examined by the International Red Cross . . . only 1,500 were found in good health."

Carvounis declared that " . . . the establishment once again of Greek Democracy . . . depends now on the physical survival of the Greek democratic people."

Hillman Asks WFTU Get UN Rights

The United Nations made public yesterday a request by Sidney Hillman, CIO leader and vice-president of the World Federation of Trade Unions, that the WFTU be promptly accorded the special UN consultative status authorized by the General Assembly.

British Help Build Franco Navy, Says Giral

MEXICO CITY, June 4 (UP).—Spanish dictator Franco has two 34,000-ton battleships in operating condition and two more battleships and four battlecruisers under construction, Jose Giral, premier of the Spanish Republican Government in Exile, said today.

Giral charged Spanish naval contractors were obtaining precision fittings for warships from Great Britain.

Senate Votes 18-45 Group Subject to Draft

WASHINGTON, June 4 (UP).—The Senate tonight gave preliminary approval, by a vote of 53 to 26, to an amendment to its draft extension bill making all men between 18 and 45 years of age subject to Selective Service.

U.S. Keeps Present Use of Azores Base

WASHINGTON, June 4 (UP).—The United States has returned to Portugal its wartime airbase in the Azores but will retain use of it for 18 months to maintain communication with occupation troops in Germany and Japan, the State Department announced today.

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Say British Cause Palestine Rift

Strenuous criticism of British military control in Palestine marked statements made to the press yesterday by two travellers who have just returned from flying trips to the Holy Land. Both agreed that, left to themselves, Arabs and Jews can get along well.

The Rev. Benney Benson of the Dutch Reformed Church of Greenpoint, State Chaplain of the American Legion told a gathering in the offices of The Protestant, liberal religious monthly.

"Continuation of the present hypocrisy will cause a volcanic eruption directly attributable to Whitehall. If left alone, the Arabs and Jews are not antagonistic."

He displayed a sample of the barbed wire which he said is to be seen all around Palestine's cities and described Jerusalem as an "armed camp." He said that on Holy Saturday he attended a Christian Service at the Holy Sepulchre where worshippers were attacked and clubbed by British soldiers.

Dr. Gustavo Gutierrez of Cuba,

member of UNRRA's Displaced Persons Committee, gave his impressions of Palestine at a press conference sponsored by the World Committee for Palestine at the Hotel Biltmore.

"The only tension evident in Palestine was to be seen on the faces of the British military and constabulary there," he declared. "There was a tension of frenzied military activity. Throughout Palestine a vast system of 'police' stations and guard posts, complete with machine-gun nests and radio equipment, has been carefully constructed."

"Though I travelled throughout the length and breadth of Palestine during the month of May, I

can unequivocally state that I saw no tension or uneasiness whatsoever between the two groups (Arabs and Jews) . . . If Arabs and Jews were left to their own councils, they

could settle the Palestine problem wisely and permanently."

Dr. Gutierrez recommended that the United Nations, possibly through its Economic and Social Council,

take joint action to solve the Palestine problem in such a way as to provide refuge for the additional one million Jewish refugees he thought could be settled there.

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PRESS ROUNDUP

THE SUN columnist George E. Sokolsky says of the U. S. loan to France: "Obviously, the loan is political. It is designed to tie France into the Anglo-American alliance which exists as a political, economic and military reality." Wall Street was entered in the French elections; but the French people don't support the anti-Soviet Axis.

THE HERALD TRIBUNE columnist Walter Lippmann reports that "a good three-quarters of the French nation regard" collectivism "as desirable." He adds that "The French Communists . . . are responsible for the remarkable performance of the French mining industry. . ."

THE TIMES says the French Communists were repudiated in the elections but, admits that MRP gains resulted not "by defeating the Communists, who even gained in popular vote. . ." How you can gain support while being repudiated is not explained. Fearful that Yugoslav traitor Mikhailovitch will confess his treason leads the Times to predict that he will be "ready to affirm any confession. . ." The Times explanation is "torture" but in its own words, "Apparently . . . decided to take no chances on his (Mikhailovitch's) testimony."

THE DAILY NEWS believes "This squeeze play on France is of course a concession to Russia. . ." While the Soviet Union has consistently opposed Spanish fascism, it has no monopoly on friendship for the democratic people of Spain.

THE JOURNAL - AMERICAN columnist Westbrook Pegler defends the Franco regime because "an absolutely anti-Communist nation on this end of the European continent is a good beach head from which Western civilization may eventually sweep . . . back to a strong line. . ." Hearst writers have to love America's enemies.

THE POST correspondent Robert P. Martin cables from Shanghai that Chiang Kai-shek "now sees Nationalist China as a member of the stop Russia bloc, which in China means stop the Communists. . . Marine contingents guarding the Tientsin-Chingwan-tao railroad, which links North China and Manchuria are increasing." Martin goes on to show how U. S. armed forces are helping the "nationalists" fight the Communists, although the latter, Martin says, have the support of the Chinese peasants.

Rap Polish Peasant Party For Opposing Single Chamber

LONDON, June 4 (UP).—Radio Moscow reported today that Warsaw's leftwing press has launched editorial attacks against the Polish Peasant Party of Vice Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk for its decision to oppose a single-chamber parliament in the forthcoming referendum.

Dziennik Polski, according to the Moscow broadcast, described Po-

land's second chamber as a "citadel of reaction" and said the Peasant Party had fought 50 years for its liquidation.

Glos Ludu, organ of the Workers' Party, said the Peasant Party step was "tactical" and "not based on principle" and showed that the Mikolajczyk group was "hostile toward the rest of the Provisional Government."

Pledge Fight to Defeat Senators Whose Votes Raised Food Costs

Consumers will work for the defeat of Republican and Democratic senators who voted for lifting of price control on meat and dairy products, the New York City Consumer Council announced yesterday.

President Truman and Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson are responsible for black markets, declared Mrs. Jeannette Turner, secretary.

"During the war, with rationing, subsidies and price control," she said, "we were able to feed ourselves, our armies and our allies. Under Truman and Anderson, and the alliance of Democratic and Republican reactionaries in Congress, consumers at home face empty pots and bare plates. It is time to change. We want price control, subsidies and the restoration of rationing."

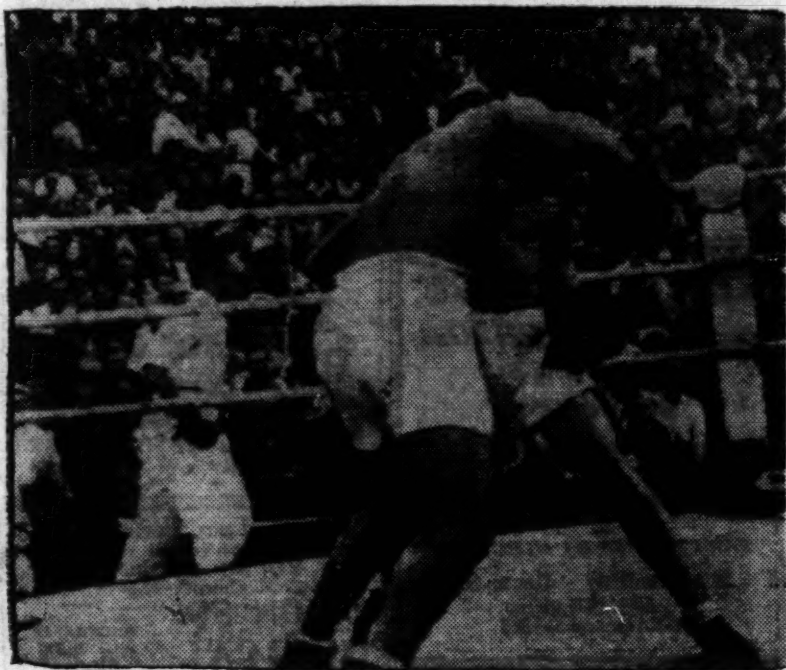
In this corner

Soviet Sports and the '48 Olympics

By Bill Mardo

THERE'S a lot of loose talk being kicked around as to whether or not the Soviet Union should be invited to the 1948 Olympics. The big bone of contention, whipped up by a lot of hypocritical "authorities," revolves around the issue of: Are Soviet sports amateur or professional? If it's professional, the argument goes, then they have no place in the Olympics. These great spokesmen for "pure amateurism" point out that in the Soviet Union, athletes are often rewarded in cash for racking up new records. This, they say, cannot be tolerated, not to the extent of inviting these "pros" to compete against the simon-pures of other nations.

Such an argument, of course, is as hypocritical as Truman's insistence that he's first, last and always a defender of organized labor. Everybody knows there ain't no such thing as amateur sports in the strict sense of the word. So-called amateur athletes in this and every other country get paid off in one form or another. And this is only fair, for the amateur clubs throughout the world reap millions from their tourneys, track meets, etc. The difference



Here's a radiophoto of the flyweight championship bout recently held in the Soviet Union's Dynamo Stadium. A crowd of over 20,000 fans saw Ivan Khanukashvili cop the decision from George Segalovich, (back to camera).

between the capitalist nations and the Soviet Union around this question is that the Soviet government makes no secret of awarding cash prizes to topnotch performers—while the amateur clubs of other countries steadfastly deny that they foot the bill for services of amateur stars.

As yet, there has been no official decision from the International Olympics Committee about Soviet participation in the '48 Olympics. The feeling is, however, that the Soviet Union will be invited, for the first time, to the international games. For without Soviet representation in the Olympics, the competition will degenerate into a farce. We have no way of knowing what the final outcome will be in regard to a Soviet invitation. Certainly it's not unlikely that with world reaction getting bolder on every front, a ban against Soviet participation isn't an impossibility. It seems to us that the world labor movement should now initiate a strong campaign, directed toward the International Olympics Committee, to guarantee that Soviet sportsdom is on hand at the '48 Olympics.

And now just a little review of the continued growth and concentration on sports in the Soviet Union today—plus a few words about some of the leading Soviet athletes who would figure prominently in the Olympics.

Across thousands of miles of the Soviet Union, new stadiums, swimming pools and sports clubs are springing into prominence. For example, there are 250 indoor arenas already built or in the process of being built. There are an estimated 8,000,000 crack Soviet skiers—and another 10,000,000 Soviet citizens who have won the "Prepared For and Defense Badge"—awarded to cross-country, running, skiing, swimming, rowing, shooting, track and field, and gymnastic performers.

Grigori Novak, powerful Ukrainian weight-lifter, recently broke all the world's records for his class. Tatyana Seveyukov, Moscow housewife, not so long ago took time out to shatter the world's women's shot-put record.

Among other noteworthy women athletes in the Soviet Union are: Ludmila Anokhina, who set a new javelin mark with a toss of 160 feet; and Nina Dumbadze, who has done better than 160 feet in the discus throw.

The three Soviet swimmers who are credited with better than world's records in the 100-meter breaststroke are: Semyon Boichenko, Leonid Meshkov, and Vitaly Znakov. Meshkov's top mark is 1:06.3 as compared to Richard Hough's United States and world time of 1:07.3. Artem Liebel has hit a 56 6/10 seconds mark in the 100-meter free style, which is only two-tenths of a second off Peter Flick's world record.

In the first full year of sports after the war's end, Soviet athletes broke 103 previous Russian records, seven world and three European marks.

So this, in brief, is a tintype picture of the great Soviet nation's sports program and its athletes, who must and should be invited to the forthcoming '48 Olympics.

Yanks Top Chisox 2-1 For Chandler's 8th Win

Spud Chandler pitched his eighth victory of the year in an easy 2-1 win over the Chicago White Sox at the Stadium yesterday. Chandler gave seven hits and allowed the Chisox only one good blow—a homerun by Kolloway.

Tommy Henrich highlighted the Yankee attack with a homerun in the sixth to even it up at 1-all. Joe Haynes, the Chicago starter, gave the Bronxites the game in the eighth inning when after Snuffy Stirnweiss' single, he walked Keller, DiMaggio and Etten to force in the winning tally.

Haynes pitched a six-hit game, and except for Henrich's homer and his eighth inning wildness, had the Yankee offensive pretty well in check.

In the second inning, Gordon

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Haynes and G. Dickey; Chandler and W. Dickey. Home runs—Kolloway, Henrich.

walked, and was caught stealing to second. Dickey popped out to left field, and Rizutto singled; the Scooter was also nabbed trying to stretch it into a two-bagger. Again in the seventh, Gordon singled and Dickey advanced Gordon. Then Rizutto bunted beautifully along the third base line, but Kennedy snapped a throw to first to catch

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New York	28	17	.622	7
Washington	22	18	.550	10½
Detroit	23	21	.523	11½
St. Louis	18	24	.429	15½
Cleveland	18	25	.419	16
Chicago	15	23	.395	16½
Philadelphia	11	32	.256	23

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	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Brooklyn	27	13	.675	—
St. Louis	23	17	.575	4
Cincinnati	18	18	.500	7
Chicago	19	19	.500	7
New York	20	21	.488	7½
Boston	18	21	.462	8½
Pittsburgh	16	20	.444	9
Philadelphia	13	25	.342	13

Rizutto by a half-step. Hal Trosky's toss to third nabbed Gordon for a neat double-play.

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WOR—Cecil Browne Songs
WJZ—The Lone Ranger
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WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh
WQXR—Silhouettes in Tone
7:45—WEAF—H. V. Kaltenborn
WHN—Johannes Steel
WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt
WMCA—Sid Gary, Songs
8:00—WEAF—Mr. and Mrs. North
WOR—Can You Top This?
WJZ—Lum n' Abner
WABC—Jack Carson

WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
8:15—WJZ—The O'Neills—Drama
WMCA—Henry Morgenthau Jr.
8:30—WEAF—Hildegard, Songs
WOR—Bert Lahr Show
WJZ—Fishing and Hunting Club
WABC—Dr. Christian
WMCA—Congress on the Air
8:55—WABC—Bill Henry, News

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00—WEAF—Eddie Cantor Show
WOR—Lyle Van, News
WJZ—To Be Announced
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WQXR—News Review
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WQXR—Great Names
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WOR—Cugat's Orchestra
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9:55—WJZ—Harry Wismer—Sports
10:00—WEAF—Kay Kyser Show
WOR—Variety Musicale
WJZ—Sports Review
WABC—Great Moments in Music
WMCA—News; Veterans News
WQXR—News; Opera Music
10:30—WOR—The Symphonette
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Rose Orchestra
WMCA—Frank Kingdon
WQXR—String Music
10:45—WJZ—Kay Armen, Songs
11:00—WEAF, WOR—News; Music
WABC, WJZ—News; Music
WMCA—News; Amateur Night
WQXR—News; Symphony Hour
11:15—WABC—Word from the Country
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ART TODAY

THE URGE
★ TO CREATE
BEAUTY

by Marion Summers

JULIA BRESTOVAN is 64 years old. Two years ago, after a lifetime of struggle she began to paint. Her pictures now to be seen at the ACA Gallery are charming, but that is of minor importance. What is important is that she paints at all.

What is there in the humblest of people that impels them to create beauty? Here is a woman who spent most of her life and energies raising five children in hardship and poverty. Then, having gained a certain amount of leisure in her old age, she turns to express herself in music and in art. Before a phenomenon such as this one stands in awe. The quality of the paintings themselves fades before the quality of a courageous human being. How much greatness there is in humanity, how much yearning, how much genius—which unfortunately often does not see fulfillment.

Of Julia Brestovan, Susan B. Anthony writes in a short note to the exhibition, "She is living proof that art belongs to the people—that all men and women, given half a chance, can and will create art." And it is true that people, the common people, have always created art—even when they were denied the opportunity to participate in the "high culture" of a period.

The urge to create beauty is inherent in the human race. A peasant, whether he decorates a wagon, embroiders a blouse, makes a song, tells a story or dances, is expressing some deep-seated yearning to create beauty. We call it folk art. It is an art created by the people for themselves. It is not a highly specialized function performed by the most skillfully trained craftsmen for a superior class. It is done to fulfill the need for something beyond material existence.

Folk art has a rich though neglected history and it has developed alongside the more complex, sophisticated, and recognized art styles. It has flourished in all handicraft societies. With the development of capitalism and mass production, with the rise of cities, with the specialization of labor, the conditions of folk art have been largely destroyed. The absence of a close-knit communal life has seen a consequent decline in folk music, dance and literature. The creation of cheap, mass produced commodities has destroyed folk art and crafts.

But the yearning to create, the hunger for beauty does not die so easily. The people seek for expression in other forms. They still dance, though not folk dances. They still sing, though they are Tin-Pan-Alley songs. They learn to play instruments and join amateur orchestras. They paint pictures and sometimes even exhibit on 57 St., where they are treated as freaks or lionized as naive and unspoiled geniuses, but freaks nonetheless. As leisure increases thousands upon thousands of ordinary people become amateur artists.

Those who take to painting are called primitives, folk painters, popular painters or Sunday painters. They are ordinary people without training, in whom the urge to create is so great that they paint pictures in their spare time. They might have become professionals if they had the opportunity. Some of them are intrinsically such geniuses that they create fine art in spite of their handicaps, as for instance the French customs clerk, Henri Rousseau, or the American house painter, John Kane. The others whether great or not continue to create beauty in their leisure, after a day's work or a lifetime's drudgery.

Julia Brestovan is such an artist. Her paintings are gay and happy pictures with no evidence of the difficulties she has encountered in life. They are nostalgic dreams of her childhood in Slovakia, dreams which she has kept warm and alive for 40 years in the personal closet of her mind. They will amaze you with the vividness of their imagery, the simplicity and charm of their statement, and sometimes even with their facility of execution. But why should they? After all, are they not the expression of a warm, vital, and creative human being?

Hollow Triumph

HOLLOW TRIUMPH, by Murray Forbes. Ziff-Davis, \$2.75.

Reviewed by Lee Lawson

Henry Mueller is an egomaniac, determined to achieve what he believes is his destined place in the sun, but without working for it. After several unsuccessful attempts which land him in jail, he finally hits the jackpot, but only after committing murder. The victim is a wealthy and famous psycho-analyst who has the misfortune to be Mueller's double. The rest of the novel is devoted to Mueller's successful masquerade. Unfortunately, the author depends too much on coincidence to make his story ring true, and despite some smooth writing it never quite comes off.

Mueller is a despicable person, and this in itself does not mar the story. Several times the author leads in the direction of creating a parable, comparing his main character's ruthlessness for power with the concomitant rise of fascism, but instead he leads it right back to a psycho-analytical study of one man's weakness. The story reaches its climax when Mueller realizes that despite his achieving the success he craved, it was done with another's name, thus the "hollow" triumph.

Cast Changes in 'Deep Are the Roots'

Major cast replacements have taken place in *Deep Are the Roots*, the d'Ussau-Gow drama at the Fulton. The role of Nevvy, created by Barbara Bel Geddes, will be assumed by Frances Waller, who played the same role in the national company.

Miss Bel Geddes, as previously announced, is withdrawing to go to Hollywood. Theodore Newton, also of the national company, takes over Lloyd Gough's part of Howard Merrick. And the third replacement is that of Robert Emhardt for Harold Vermilyea, who, like Miss Bel Geddes, is also Hollywood bound.

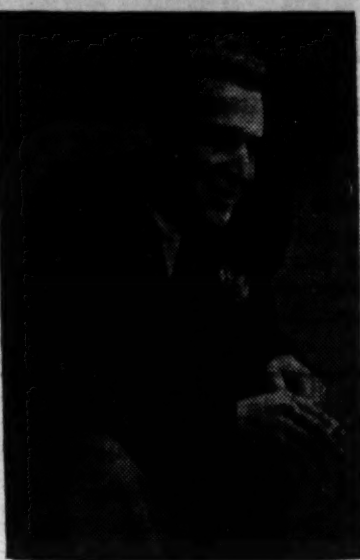
Vet Refresher Course at Jefferson

Veterans will be given another opportunity to register for the Jefferson School's Veterans' Refresher Course with the opening of the eighth section of the course, it was announced yesterday by the Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Avenue of the Americas.

The class will begin on Thursday, June 6, and will meet for four consecutive Thursdays, from 8:15 to 10:15 p.m.

The course will deal with international relations, the labor movement during and since the war, profits, wages and productivity during the past five years, and veterans' problems and organizations. The fee for the four sessions is \$3.

Registration is going on now at the school and will continue until the first night of class.



Konstantin Simonov will answer queries on Soviet stage and screen art at a Stage For Action sponsored forum at Astor Hotel (North Ballroom) tonight (Wednesday) at 8 p.m.

May Day Film Thrills

By David Platt

An effective 30-minute silent film of the May Day parade has just been released by the James Connolly Club of the Communist Party. Emanuel Gale, who has photographed every May Day parade since 1936, shot the picture.

It contains most of the highlights of the parade, including a good shot of Herman Eilers, 83, who marched for the eight-hour day in the first May Day parade in Chicago in 1886.

A cross section of the 75,000 who marched and the 250,000 who watched—the film captures the full flavor of this great day.

Thrilling are the shots of the hundreds of Negro and white war vets in uniform marching in military formation in the ranks of the Communist Party and with their unions.

Impressive are the closeups of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and the merchant seamen and the fur and leather workers contingent and the ILGWU group that defied Dubinsky and marched.

The colorful Greek, Ukrainian, Russian, Spanish, Slovak, Italian, Polish, Yugoslav, and Finnish sections that paraded are in the film. Marching in native costumes under the banners of the International Workers Order, these groups help to dramatize the multi-national character of New York labor.

This was truly a parade of the rank and file of the United Nations. The banners and floats that flash across the screen make clear that the workers of New York marched for American-Soviet friendship, for peace, for the continuation of OPA, for a better Brooklyn, for Negro equality, for colonial freedom, for a better future for teenagers, for international labor solidarity and democracy.

All those who participated in this stirring demonstration against imperialism and fascism will greet Gale's little document (as my wife and I did after its first public showing at the Tom Jefferson Club a few days ago) with real enthusiasm.

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Second Front Report

Reviewed by Joseph Clark

Walter Millis wrote this account of the U.S.-Britain invasion of Europe for the Office of War Information for distribution to a German audience. It is now published as a brief, factual narrative of the fighting from Normandy to the German surrender in Berlin.

Emphasizing the vital contribution to victory made by the second front, Millis is careful to note that during the operations from June

THE LAST PHASE. By Walter Millis. Houghton Mifflin Co. Price \$2.50.

6, 1944, to May 8, 1945, "much the greater part of the German Wehrmacht was deployed in the east rather than in the west..." As a grand concept of coalition warfare, "the western invasion relied upon the power of the Russian arms and it could not, of course, have been conducted as it was save for Russia's contribution to the final victory."

NOT THE WHOLE TRUTH

In writing for a German audience it would not have been politic for the author to tell the story behind the delay in opening up the second front. But in preparing the book for publication for an American audience it is hard to see why the whole truth is not told.

Millis does explain that, "The British and Americans had contemplated a landing in western Europe as early as 1942." But they did more than contemplate it. Agreement had been reached with the Soviet Union in June in discussions with Molotov in Washington to open the second front. Harry C. Butcher, Eisenhower's naval aide, reveals in *My Three Years With Eisenhower* that the General considered it "the blackest day in history" when Prime Minister Churchill and the circle around him welched on the agreement and refused to carry through the invasion.

Instead of telling this part of the story, Millis relates the old standby about the difficulties encountered by the Dieppe commando raiders. He adds, "The Allies would not move until they were ready..." The Mediterranean strategy which was allowed to prevail despite the better military judgement of Roosevelt, Marshall and Eisenhower made the cross-channel invasion more difficult than it need have been.

The Communists and progressives who advocated the second front from 1942 on were long berated as amateur hecklers on the subject. Their position has been vindicated in the Butcher Diary. It is no contribution to military or political history to rehash the old



Katherine Dunham and her dance group will perform at the Garden Rally of the Council on African Affairs this Thursday night, June 6. The star-studded program will also feature Paul Robeson, Canada Lee, Judy Holliday, Pearl Primus, Mary Lou Williams, Kenneth Spencer, Norman Corwin, Golden Gate Quartet.

story without telling these important facts.

Millis describes the heroic job the western allies had to carry out against the "fifty-odd divisions" which Hitler had deployed to oppose the invasion. There were at that time, Millis says, "some two hundred on the Russian front." It is worth repeating these figures because statisticians are beginning to "rewrite history" to prove that the whole war was fought and won on the western front.

That the December 16 Ardennes offensive was not the only big winter counter-attack launched by the Germans is indicated by the author. It is not so generally known that on New Years the German high command hurled an offensive against the Seventh Army in Alsace which was repulsed only after bitter fighting by the American doughboys and their French allies.

Written in simple, clear style, well illustrated and printed in very readable type, "The Last Phase" is a handy description of some phases of the western allies' contribution to the common victory. It adds little new and it omits much that is important in a well-rounded history.

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Africans Send Plea to Garden Rally Tomorrow



MRS. BETHUNE

A plea for help received from Africa yesterday by the Council on African Affairs, sponsor of a mass rally at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night.

An urgent wire was sent to Paul Robeson, Council chairman, by Dr. R. T. Bokwe, agent of the volunteer African Food Fund ad-

ministering relief in Middelburg, Cape Province, one of the hardest hit famine areas in South Africa.

"Africans' hopes once raised high by Atlantic and UN charters now dashed to the ground by starvation and repressive discrimination laws in South Africa," Dr. Bokwe wrote.

"We believe our deliverance from such injustice possible through international pressure on undemocratic government. Cooperation of Big Three absolutely essential for future peace and our salvation."

"Big Three Unity for Colonial Freedom" will be the theme of

the rally, proceeds of which will go to African famine relief. Speakers include Rep. Hugh DeLacy, Robeson, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune and Norman Corwin. Betty Garrett, Canada Lee, Judy Holliday, Pearl Primus, Gordon Heath and Kenneth Spencer will participate in the entertainment program.



DE LACY

AFL Hatters Send Wire Demanding Case Bill Veto

By Dorothy Loeb

The fifth convention of the AFL United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers yesterday condemned the Case anti-labor bill and sent President Truman a telegram asking him to veto it.

In session at Hotel New Yorker, delegates representing 30,000 members, said the bill would encourage strikes instead of stopping them, and declared that if enacted into law it would restore a "feudal concept" under which workers would be "third-class citizens."

David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, a guest speaker, called both the Case bill and President Truman's legislative proposals "repulsive" and "abhorrent," but scoffed at labor leaders who propose political action against anti-labor Congressmen.

Dubinsky, who did his best to wreck the American Labor Party, aimed a shaft at Sidney Hillman, chairman of CIO-PAC and the ALP, and other labor leaders for not developing a third party movement earlier.

He referred to Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace as "the darling fellow traveler" and noted that Wallace had spoken against a third party at a recent state ALP dinner.

Dubinsky asserted leaders of AFL and CIO were "not ready" for a third party but that he considered it "the only solution."

He made no reference to Hillman by name. Hillman, incidentally, sent a warm telegram of greetings to the hatters' convention.

Dubinsky emphasized defeat of the Case bill, which he differentiated from the Truman proposal because of the latter's "temporary" character.

Of Truman, he said, "The test will be his signing or vetoing the Case bill."

"If he should sign it," he said, "it will be evident to me and to the entire labor movement that he has allied himself with the reactionaries in wrecking the labor movement of this country."

WALDMAN RED-BAITS

Louis Waldman, lawyer and one-time Social Democrat, delivered an attack on the Case and Truman bills, then used that as a jumping off point to attack the Soviet Union and to demand repressive action against Communists here.

Waldman implied recent strikes were caused not by industry's refusal to grant wage demands but by forces who "drive to make our government appear 'imperialistic' and 'reactionary'."

In his zeal for repressive anti-Communist action, he said: "I don't like to see a Rankin my spiritual spokesman. I'd much rather see a Zaritsky, or Green or Murray, if he can screw up the courage, take action against the 'extremists.'" (Max Zaritsky is president of the AFL United Hatters.)

In his message to the convention, Hillman praised Zaritsky's leadership and said the union had made "not only enlarged gains for its membership" but had achieved "wider influence in the community and the nation."

Supreme Court Justice Samuel Null also addressed yesterday's session.

Today, delegates will visit President Roosevelt's grave at Hyde Park.

WHAT YOU CAN DO ON THE ANTI-LABOR BILLS

The Case anti-labor bill is now before President Truman for action. The Truman anti-labor bill comes before the House of Representatives again tomorrow for final action. Here is what you can do now:

1. Wire or write to Truman today to veto the Case Bill.
2. Wire or write your own Congressman and

House Majority and Minority Leaders John W. McCormack and Joseph W. Martin to oppose the Truman anti-labor bill.

3. Get your organization, shopmates, friends and neighbors to take similar action.

4. Organize union, shop or community delegations to Washington, where possible, to see your Congressman and the two House leaders and to get as close to the President as it can.

Hands Off Labor, CIO Packers Tell Truman

By George Morris

MONTREAL, June 4.—Taking note of the President's order for strikebreaking preparations for the maritime walkout, delegates to the CIO United Packinghouse Workers convention today unanimously voted a sharp protest to the White House.

The delegates were aroused to an emergency pitch today as Jesse Prosten, the union's field representative, warned of the serious consequence to the entire labor movement if the strikebreaking performance in the railroad situation is repeated against the maritime workers. He noted that the packinghouse workers themselves start negotiations in August.

The convention also notified all Congressmen that their action on the Case and Truman bills will determine labor's attitude in the next elections.

HAYWOOD ON 3D PARTY

Allan S. Haywood, CIO organization director, angrily described labor's disappointment with Truman. His remarks were apparently also in response to Canadian speakers who reported the growing movement for an independent party of labor in the Dominion.

"A labor party is not worth a damn," said Haywood, "until you have a strong labor movement behind it."

He recalled some past third parties in America which had neither the strong labor backbone nor the experience.

"But when we launch our party now," he went on, "it's going to be well groomed, based on a strong trade union movement and well educated. Our own PAC is giving us swell experience."

Haywood also touched on the UPWA's internal situation. His remarks were obviously aimed at opponents of president Lewis Clark and secretary-treasurer Edward F. Roache.

Haywood read a statement of policy adopted by the Steel Workers barring "outside" interference and witch hunts.

How Haywood connects anti-administration forces as "outsiders" was not apparent. Most apparent contender for Clark's post is Anthony Stephens, regional director of the Nebraska region. He was endorsed by his own and the Eastern districts.

Probe Ballot-Burning

WASHINGTON, June 4 (UP).—The Justice Department confirmed tonight that the U. S. Attorney for New Mexico has been ordered to investigate alleged irregularities in today's New Mexico primary election, including the burning of ballots in one country.

Tenn. Defense Hails High Court Bus Rule

By Harry Raymond

COLUMBIA, Tenn., June 4.—The State's case against 31 Negroes on trial here on "attempt to murder" charges was shaken today by yesterday's U.S. Supreme Court decision ruling unconstitutional Jimcrow segregation in interstate bus transportation.

The main premise on which attorneys of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People have for a week been demanding quashing indictments against the defendants is the existence of undemocratic Jimcrow customs.

As the trial proceeds into the second week, more than 100 witnesses have already testified to the systematic exclusion of Negroes from jury service in Maury County.

Prosecutor Paul F. Bumpus, defending the custom so roundly denounced in the high court decision, continues to insist the Negroes were fairly indicted by the all-white jury.

Trial Judge Joe M. Ingram ruled twice against the defense today. He refused to permit the county jury lists and the present jury box to be brought into the courtroom. He refused to permit Maurice Weaver, white attorney for defense, to ask Negro witnesses if they were in position to know if Negroes were called for jury duty during the last 50 years.

Dr. L. A. Ransom, Negro attorney for defense and one of the lawyers along with Judge William H. Hastie in the Virginia bus case of yesterday's Supreme Court decision, protested Judge Ingram's ruling.

"It is as competent to ask that question as it would be to ask if a cyclone struck this community would the local paper carry the story of it tomorrow," Ransom said. "If a Negro was called here for jury service it would create such notoriety it would be the talk of the town for a long while."

Bumpus raised another peculiar point. He complained at the length of the time the defense is taking to prove the Jimcrow jury question.

"They are forcing us to call all these witnesses to prove what everyone knows," retorted Z. Alexander Looby, chief counsel for the defense. "We must take this time to protect the constitutional rights of the defendants."

"But there is another important

constitutional right," the prosecutor countered. "These defendants have the right of a speedy trial."

But Bumpus flatly refused to shorten proceedings by conceding the truth of the Jimcrow jury.

Most white people I talked to here during the last week said they never heard of Negroes serving on juries in the county. Indeed, an editor of a Maury County newspaper told me today outside the courtroom he opposed social equality for Negroes, opposed the Supreme Court anti-Jimcrow decision, and his friends here would fight and oppose calling Negroes for jury service.

GREET BUS DECISION

All defendants and attorneys for the defense were jubilant when they heard the news of the decision on the Virginia bus case. Thurgood Marshall, another of the defense lawyers, had helped fight through the bus case to victory.

The men on trial in the little courthouse here are charged with wounding five policemen when the latter appeared in the dark in the Negro community Feb. 25, at a time a white armed mob was menacing the community threatening to lynch a Navy veteran and his mother.

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Carpenter, Thompson (4) and Cooper; Wyse, Meers (6) and McCullough. Winning pitcher, Meers; losing pitcher, Thompson.

Western Union Threatens Pay Cut

Western Union last night countered a 25-cent-an-hour increase demand made by the American Communications Association, CIO, with a threat to slash wages. The company's reply was made at a meeting of the union's 21-man negotiating committee with the management at the company's office.

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BROTHERHOODS OK BOYCOTT OF H&M 'FACT-FINDERS'

National officials of the trainmen and engineers brotherhoods yesterday endorsed the refusal of Hudson & Manhattan Tube strikers to be trapped into a second fact-finding runaround.

The strikers have boycotted hearings of the special board appointed by Truman, pointing out that the national railroad strike had been settled on the basis of the President's own 18½-cent order. Hudson & Manhattan management refused to abide by the national ruling and thus precipitated the strike a week ago.

Matthew O'Leary, local strike leader, yesterday revealed that the national brotherhood chiefs had told him in a telephone conversation to stick by his guns.

Meanwhile, William A. Skutt, strike leader of the engineers, hinted that his men will not be ordered back to work in the event the government seizes the struck interstate lines.

Throughout yesterday ferry boats were taxed to capacity, handling the 115,000 commuters who normally use the tubes. Pickets patrolled ferry slips on both sides of the river.

Stassen Scores Truman, But Ducks Case Bill

ATLANTIC CITY, June 4.—President Truman's anti-labor legislation is "totalitarian in nature" and contrary to the American way of life, Harold E. Stassen told the Rotary International convention today.

The "liberal" Republican failed, however, to include the Case anti-labor bill, now awaiting presidential action, in his indictment. The Case bill was backed almost solidly by GOP Congressmen.

Stassen is an advocate of a "cooling-off" law in labor and management relations. He passed the first one in the nation when he was governor of Minnesota.